

Hannah's Harpoons

By HANNAH SAMPSON

After listening to a recording to Lerner and Lowe's "My Fair Lady" for the 10th time this morning a paraphrase of one of the songs keeps encircling my mind. I have named it:

TO AN OLIVE
I've grown accustomed to your taste,
You seem to go so well with gin...

White Hurricane
I have just scrubbed the kitchen floor on my hands and knees with a solution of TSP which you can buy in any paint or hardware store. Five pounds for about a dollar and a quarter. Very satisfying feeling to get this close to one's work. The TSP cleans like a white hurricane, if you grasp my meaning, but costs like a gentle breeze.

No Place to Play
Although you can buy marbles and jacks, how is it one never sees the children playing these games? Among the 12 little girls on this street not one knows how to play jacks. (I suspect this is an indoor game, useful in the Eastern cities where the weather is often inclement; where it is necessary for children to play

in confined places — small apartments, or apartment house doorways—while here in the wide open spaces the activities are conditioned to the greater areas available to children).

I often hear people complain that available space is rapidly being taken up by commercial or other organizations, and that there is no place for the children to play. Of a certainty these people have never known what it is to be confined in a 2½-room apartment during their growing years, with absolutely no place to play, even where the rent is exorbitantly high. Under such conditions, children learn to play quietly.

When I was in New York recently, the two young boys of my hostess had two friends in to play during a rainstorm; they decided to sail paper boats in the bathtub, and what with one thing and another, ended up by shattering the glass tub enclosure. No one was badly hurt but there was a lot of commotion. But imagine four young, healthy boys in a room about the size of a closet.

Fifty Countries
Speaking of the differences in environment at the opposite ends of the country, it occurs to me that there is some sort of miracle in the fact that we remain the UNITED STATES.

Surely one has only to travel a very little around the U.S. to realize that we are like (on the mainland) 48 little countries, each with different customs, habits, and training. It is little wonder that we sometimes come to blows over what is to be the accepted way of life FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.

That we even achieve a modicum of peaceful co-existence among ourselves speaks for the great intelligence and commonsense of the founders of our country. So many times a hot-headed interpretation of the laws of the land have led to dissolution, yet the safeguards imposed so many years ago force us to stay, and to evaluate, and then re-evaluate. After which, cooler heads prevail. An exciting thing, really.

I've grown accustomed to your taste. You seem to go so well with gin... See? Can't get it out of my mind!

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The Independence recently completed a six-month major overhaul in the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Va.

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